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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 23, 2006. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicant hereby elects without traverse the claims of Group I, (claims 1-9) for prosecution in the instant application. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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